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SUBJECT: TEXACO DRY HOLE: MAURITANIA

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1. SUMMARY: AFTER SPENDING ROUGHLY 7 MILLION DOLLARS IN SEISMIC AND DRILLING COSTS TEXACO HAS ABANDONED AS A "DRY HOLE" ITS WILDCAT NEAR ABOULAG IN CENTRAL MAURITANIA.
2. TEXACO REP REPORTS SOME GAS WAS DISCOVERED IN CAMBRIAN ROCK FORMATIONS BUT NOT IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES. WE HAD EARLIER UNDERSTOOD FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT SOME OIL HAD BEEN FOUND BUT THIS DENIED BY REP.
3. TEXACO REP SAYS COMPANY HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION IN MAURITANIA AND IN VIEW OF THEIR SCHEDULE OF EXPLORATION IN NIGER AND MALI NO FURTHER DRILLING BY TEXACO LIKELY HERE PRIOR 1976. CONTRACT DRILLING COMPANY NOW MOVES 250 KILOMETERS NE OF ABOULAG TO DRILL ANOTHER WELL, THIS TIME FOR AGIP.
4. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH HAS BEEN INFORMED OF RESULTS TEXACO'S EXPLORATION AND NEITHER TEXACO NOR GIRM PLAN MAKE

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